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PRESS RELEASE

**U.S. COAST GUARD CUTTER JARVIS TRANSFER TO
BANGLADESH ON MAY 23, 2013**

Dhaka, May 23, 2013: On May 23, 2013 Thursday, at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Day Time (PDT), local Bangladesh time 11:00 p.m., the U.S. Coast Guard will officially decommission Cutter Jarvis and transfer it to the Bangladesh Navy renamed as BNS Somudro Joy in a ceremony held at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, California. Vice Adm. Paul F. Zukunft, Pacific Area Commander, and Vice Adm. Muhammad Farid Habib, Chief of Naval Staff for the Bangladesh Navy will be on hand for the ceremony. Jarvis is being transferred as an Excess Defense Articles (EDA) with a Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case with Bangladesh. The BNS Somudro Joy will depart for Bangladesh later this year.

A 20-member team from the Bangladesh Navy arrived in Alameda on March 12, 2013 to begin preparations to accept Jarvis. These members of the Bangladesh crew are led by Capt. Mohammad Nazmul Karim Kislu, the prospective Commanding Officer. They have worked and trained with the current Jarvis crew to become familiar with the ship.

An additional 70 members of the Bangladesh crew arrived on May 20. Upon completion of the transfer, 26 former Jarvis crew members will serve as advisors, assisting the Bangladesh crew until its departure from California on its way to Bangladesh. For photographs of the training underway on Jarvis with both the U.S. and Bangladesh Navy crew please visit: <http://www.dvidshub.net/search/?q=coast+guard+cutter+jarvis> and <http://pacificsouthwest.coastguard.dodlive.mil/2013/05/06/brothers-from-different-mothers/>.

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